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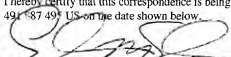
Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing are the specification and claims of the utility patent application of:

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Title of Invention: NUCLEIC ACID AMPLIFICATION

Also enclosed are:

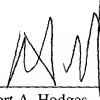
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X	APPLICANT CLAIMS SMALL ENTITY STATUS. SEE 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.		
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TOTAL CLAIMS = $226 - 20 = 223 \times \$18.00 =$	\$3,654.00
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